

REMARKS

Claims 31-75 are currently pending. Claims 35, 36, 66 & 67 have been amended to correct obvious typographical errors. Claims 70 and 71 have been amended to eliminate redundant material that is recited in the corresponding independent claim and to clarify that the recited variation in polymer properties is characteristic of the claimed process – that is, that variation of the melting point of the resulting polymer (claim 71) or the tacticity index and melting point (claim 70) falls within the corresponding recited range when the polymerization process is performed at temperatures ranging from below 90°C to above 100°C. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, including for example at paragraph [0146] and original claims 34 and 35. New claims 72-75 have been added to claim certain preferred embodiments of the invention. Support for these claims can be found throughout the specification, including for example at paragraph [0146] and original claims 34-36. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has required restriction of the present application between two groups: Group I, directed to a polymerization process as recited in claims 31-33 and 53-71, and Group II, directed to an isotactic polypropylene as recited in claims 34-52. The applicant elects the Group I claims for prosecution in this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

The applicant has previously paid the filing fees based on the as-amended claims pursuant to the transmittal documents originally submitted on November 8, 2004. If necessary, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required in connection with this application, throughout the pendency thereof, to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

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